

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for May 2006

Region 8

July 2006

MAY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(preliminary)

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AREA	5/06(p)	4/06	5/05
U.S.	4.4%	4.5%	4.9%
INDIANA	4.8%	4.8%	5.1%
EGR 8*	4.9%	4.9%	5.4%
Bloomington MSA**	4.6%	4.3%	5.1%
Brown	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%
Daviess	3.5%	3.4%	3.7%
Greene	5.3%	5.4%	6.2%
Lawrence	6.6%	6.9%	7.5%
Martin	4.9%	5.3%	4.5%
Monroe	4.3%	3.9%	4.8%
Orange	7.5%	8.0%	6.9%
Owen	5.0%	4.9%	5.8%
Bedford	9.4%	10.1%	11.1%
Bloomington	4.4%	3.8%	4.8%
Linton	7.9%	7.6%	8.6%
Loogootee	6.0%	6.4%	6.6%
Nashville	10.4%	11.8%	11.9%
Paoli	8.0%	8.8%	7.3%
Spencer	13.5%	13.4%	16.4%
Washington	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%



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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in May. Overall, 24 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the month unemployment rate increases, 21 states registered rate decreases, and 5 states had no change. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 41 states and the District of Columbia, up in 7 states, and unchanged in 2 states.

All four regions recorded nearly identical unemployment rates in May. The South registered the lowest unemployment rate, 4.6 percent, seasonally adjusted, followed closely by the remaining three regions at 4.7 percent.

Mississippi posted the highest unemployment rate in May at 7.3 percent. The state recording the lowest jobless rate was South Dakota at 2.9 percent.

Unemployment rates were lower in May than a year earlier in 302 of the 367 metropolitan areas, higher in 44 areas, and unchanged in 21 areas. Forty-four metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent. Three areas recorded rates of 10.0 percent or more.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK – MAY 2006	COUNTY	MAY 2006 RATE (p)
1	Orange	7.5%
5	Lawrence	6.6%
28	Greene	5.3%
35	Owen	5.0%
41	Martin	4.9%
67	Monroe	4.3%
88	Daviess	3.5%
92	Hamilton	2.9%

SURROUNDING STATES MAY 2006

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 4.4% Indiana – 4.8% Kentucky – 5.5% Michigan – 5.8% Ohio – 4.9%

BLOOMINGTON MSA

(Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties in Indiana)

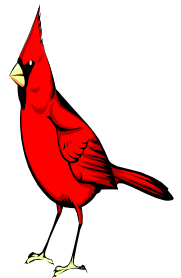


WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

				CHANGE FROM			
	MAY	APR	MAY	APR 2006		MAY 2005	
	2006	2006	2005	TO		TO	
				MAY 2006		MAY 2006	
Total Nonfarm	79,100	82,800	78,500	-3,700	-4.5%	+600	+0.8%
Goods Producing	13,400	13,400	13,500	+0	+0.0%	-100	-0.7%
Natural Resources, Construction, & Mining	4,200	4,200	4,400	+0	+0.0%	-200	-4.5%
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	9,100	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.1%
Durable Goods	6,700	6,700	6,600	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.5%
Service Providing	65,700	69,400	65,000	-3,700	-5.3%	+700	+1.1%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12,600	12,500	12,500	+100	+0.8%	+100	+0.8%
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,100	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+100	+5.0%
Retail Trade	9,000	8,900	9,000	+100	+1.1%	+0	+0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	1,300	1,200	1,300	+100	+8.3%	+0	+0.0%
Finance	3,000	2,900	3,000	+100	+3.4%	+0	+0.0%
Professional & Business Services	6,600	6,600	6,400	+0	+0.0%	+200	+3.1%
Educational & Health Services	9,700	9,700	9,500	+0	+0.0%	+200	+2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality Services	8,200	8,000	8,000	+200	+2.5%	+200	+2.5%
Other Services	3,000	2,900	2,800	+100	+3.4%	+200	+7.1%
Government	21,300	25,600	21,500	-4,300	-16.8%	-200	-0.9%
Federal Government	500	500	600	+0	+0.0%	-100	-16.7%
State Government	13,900	18,200	14,100	-4,300	-23.6%	-200	-1.4%
Local Government	6,900	6,900	6,800	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.5%
Local Government Education	3,900	3,900	3,700	+0	+0.0%	+200	+5.4%

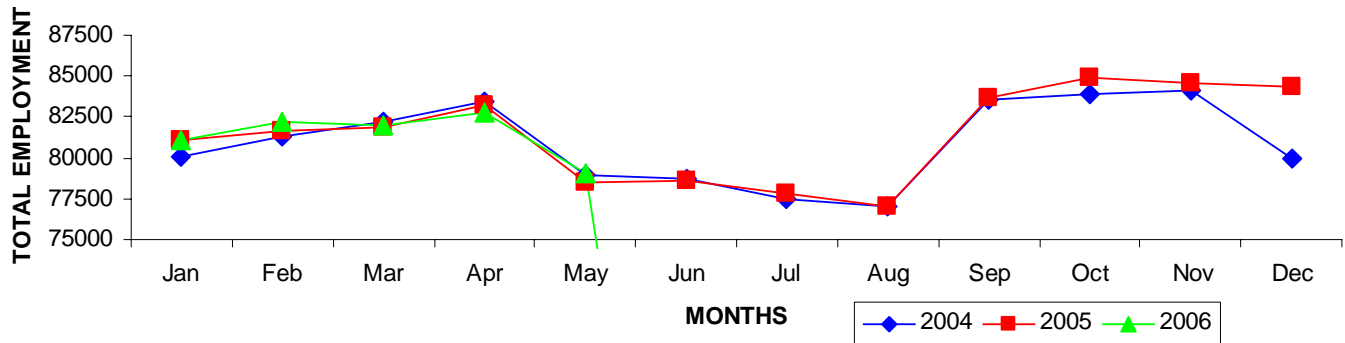
BLOOMINGTON MSA WAGE & SALARIED EMPLOYMENT JANUARY – MAY 2006 & YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	RUNNING AVERAGE
TOTAL NONFARM	81,100	82,200	82,000	82,800	79,100	81,400
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,200	4,200	4,000
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,200
Trade, Transportation, Mining, & Utilities	12,300	12,300	12,300	12,500	12,600	12,400
Information Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,200
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,900
Professional & Business Services	6,400	6,400	6,500	6,600	6,600	6,500
Educational & Health Services	9,500	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700
Leisure & Hospitality	7,700	7,800	7,800	8,000	8,200	7,900
Other Services	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,900
Government	25,300	25,900	25,600	25,600	21,300	24,700



Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2005 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2007.
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BLOOMINGTON MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

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U.S. City Average
Unadjusted percent change to May 2006 from:

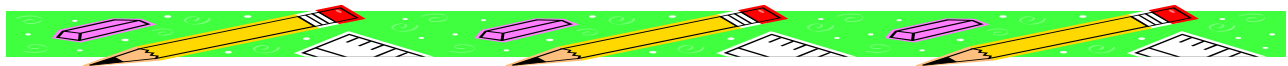
	May 05	Apr 06
All Items	4.2%	.5%
Food & Beverages	1.9%	.3%
Housing	4.0%	.2%
Apparel	.0%	-.8%
Transportation	9.0%	1.9%
Medical Care	4.2%	.3%
Recreation	1.6%	.1%
Education & Communication	2.7%	-.1%
Other Goods & Services	2.5%	.1%





MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE TOTAL ALL CLAIMS FILED

	May 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2005	Previous Month % Change	Previous Year % Change
Bedford	4,567	5,387	4,943	-15.2%	-7.6%
Bloomington	5,310	5,480	6,889	-3.1%	-22.9%
Linton	1,696	1,818	1,950	-6.7%	-13.0%
INDIANA	237,830	253,681	245,251	-6.2%	-3.0%



Region 8 Job Openings

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 8 (Bedford, Bloomington, and Linton) received during May 2006. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

SELECTED MAY 2006 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 8

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Assemblers	\$8.40	\$10.01	\$14.00
Counter & Rental Clerks	5.15	6.93	11.00
Counter Attendants – Food Service	5.15	5.43	8.00
Cooks: Restaurant	5.15	5.87	8.00
Hand Packers & Packagers	5.15	7.84	9.25
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	5.15	7.73	9.00
General Office Clerks	6.00	8.00	18.00
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	5.15	7.66	9.00
Accounting Clerks	6.00	9.79	15.00
Cashiers, General	5.15	5.21	7.00
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	8.00	8.63	9.25
Registered Nurses (RN)	10.00	24.04	40.87
Salespersons: Retail	5.15	7.23	15.00
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	5.15	6.11	11.00
Receptionists/Information Clerks	\$6.00	\$8.62	\$12.00

Region 8 APPLICANT POOL

May 28, 2006



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

Region 8 Job Titles

Region 8 Job Titles	Number of Applicants
Assemblers	3,189
Production Laborers	1,989
General Office Clerks	1,142
Cashiers, General	1,115
All Other Hand Workers	1,101
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	1,067
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,028
All Other Machine Operators	1,021
Production Helpers	984
Receptionists/Information Clerks	926
File Clerks	851
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	775
All Other Precision Assemblers	712
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	699
Administrative Assistants	690
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	676
Helpers: Other Construction Trades	676
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	674
Secretaries – Other	672
Helpers: Carpenters	618



The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.

REGION 8 WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index...



AREA (5/28/06)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
EGR REGION 8	\$20,510	\$16,640	9,297
Brown	\$26,421	\$20,800	263
Daviess	\$19,036	\$17,680	548
Greene	\$17,341	\$16,640	1,835
Lawrence	\$22,827	\$17,472	1,895
Martin	\$20,274	\$18,720	232
Monroe	\$19,698	\$16,640	3,043
Orange	\$25,779	\$17,191	633
Owen	\$20,323	\$17,472	848



HOOSIERS BY THE NUMBERS

Research & Analysis has a new website – **Hoosiers by the Numbers**. This website replaces INEWS and will be a valuable tool for our customers. The new website address is www.hoosierdata.in.gov. Training on the new website is now scheduled for the economic development community, local chambers of commerce, and governmental entities only. The training is being offered at the WorkOne office in Bloomington on Tuesday morning, August 22nd, from 8-10 a.m. This hands-on training will focus on assisting and guiding attendees through the new website. Economic developers and other above-identified groups may contact Connie Stanfield with the DWD Lifelong Learning Institute in Indianapolis at cstanfield@dwd.in.gov or call (317) 233-9927 for registration information.



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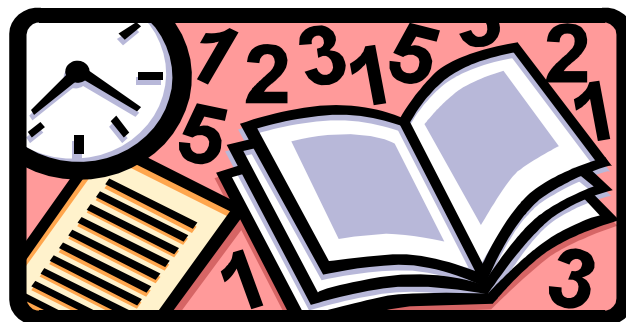
Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence,
Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen
Counties.



MAY 2005 OES EMPLOYMENT & WAGE SURVEY

The 2005 Occupational Employment and Wage Survey report for the Bloomington Metropolitan Statistical Area is now available. The counties included in the MSA are Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties in Indiana. This publication provides wage data by occupations from surveys of employees in the area.

If you wish to receive email or hard copies of this publication, please check with your regional market analyst at (812) 424-4473 ext. 237



OCCUPATIONS & STARTING WAGES REPORT

Indiana Economic Growth Region 8's Occupations and Starting Wages report for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, is now available. This report provides minimum, average, and maximum starting wage data for occupations listed with local area WorkOne offices.

If you would like to receive this report by email, please call your regional market analyst at (812) 424-4473 extension 237 or you may download the report from our web site at: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov>. On the web site, select Site Map on the left. In the middle under Area Profiles, select Regional Publications. On the map, you may now select desired region and arrow down to Occupations & Starting Wages Report.

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